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Charlton H. Bonham, Director  
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**CALIFORNIA WATERFIX – NOTIFICATION OF WITHDRAWAL OF PROJECT  
APPROVAL AND REQUEST TO RESCIND INCIDENTAL TAKE PERMIT**

Dear Director Bonham:

Today, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) withdrew its approval of the California WaterFix project (WaterFix) and rescinded the accompanying notice of determination that was filed pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act. This letter is to notify the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) that DWR is no longer pursuing the authorizations that were requested in its application for the WaterFix incidental take permit pursuant to the requirements of Section 2081(b) of the California Endangered Species Act (CESA), (see "State Incidental Take Permit Application For The Construction And Operation Of Dual Conveyance Facilities Of The State Water Project" dated October 2016 and submitted to CDFW by memorandum dated October 5, 2016). In addition, because WaterFix is no longer being pursued, DWR requests CDFW to rescind the Incidental Take Permit (No. 2081-2016-055-03) for WaterFix, that CDFW issued on July 26, 2017. Please note that DWR has taken no actions in furtherance of WaterFix that physically affect the Covered Species.

DWR thanks CDFW and its staff for their time and energy devoted to the Bay Delta Conservation Plan and WaterFix.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Karla A. Nemeth'.

Karla A. Nemeth  
Director

cc: Kenneth M. Bogdan,  
Office of Chief Counsel, Department of Water Resources